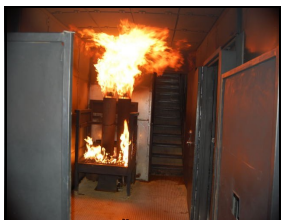


About Us



The Indiana Firefighter Training System (IFTS) was created under the direction of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2006.

The state has been certifying firefighters since 1972 in a variety of categories through the creation of the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education.

With the organization and implementation of the IFTS, local firefighters receive support for certification courses such as Mandatory, Basic, Firefighter I/II, Fire Officer I, Fire Instructor I, Safety Officer, Fire Officer Strategy and Tactics. The support is provided through the purchase of books for students to use for training, instructor fees, props and evaluator fees.

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Indiana Firefighting Training System Success

- 10 fire training districts organized.
- Training is being conducted at the local level
- Increase in the quality of training delivered at the local level
- Curriculum development
 - Single book selected for fire certification testing
 - Firefighters/Officers develop practical skill and written examinations
- Technical Rescue Awareness and Hazardous Materials Online Training
- Online Testing — certification examination now have the option of taking the test online instead of on paper. Advantages to an online test is the student receives immediate feedback on whether they were successful in achieving a passing score. The online testing is free of charge. Online testing reduces the cost to IDHS as it reduces postage/shipping costs.
- Purchased props at the district level to enhance firefighter's ability to practice skills instead of simulating.
- Development of an electronic certification and recertification process for fire and emergency medical certification.
- 5 years at the National Fire Academy, Emmitsburg, Maryland campus with more than 750 Indiana students attending.
- Fire Marshal Leadership seminars conducted annually around the State to update fire service leaders and elected officials about the agency, our mission and tasks.



Indiana Department of Homeland Security
Leadership for a Safe and Secure Indiana



Michael R. Pence
Governor

James L. Greeson
State Fire Marshal

District Firefighter Training

Each of the 10 homeland security districts in the state are awarded funds for firefighter training based upon demonstrated need. The district fire training councils oversee setting up training programs, assessing training needs, managing training props, and acquiring funds for training programs for the districts. A wide range of training has been offered from basic firefighter training to more advanced courses. Local training facilities in each of the districts have been utilized as part of the training programs.



State Firefighter Certification Program

The state offers certifications for many firefighter courses. A complete list of certifications, prerequisites, course reference materials and sample tests are available at www.in.gov/dhs/firecertification.htm. The certifications program is governed by the Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education. The board outlines the objectives that must be met in each of the courses and any prerequisites that must be met. Anyone wanting fire certifications must have a public safety identification number (PSID) assigned. Indiana also offers International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) certifications.

The Certifications Section issued more than 21,000 certifications last year.

IndianaFireTraining.com

Be sure to check out www.indianafiretraining.com for district news, training course announcements, and other important information. Each district has its own web site and you can find your district by clicking on the state map on the web page.



National Fire Academy In-State Training program

Each year the National Fire Academy (NFA) grants funds for off-campus training courses. There are several two-day courses available for the fire service in Indiana. This training is free to the student who will receive an NFA course completion certification. The grant will fund instructors and course material. Along with the in-state training program, Indiana offers a chance for the fire service to experience the NFA during the annual state weekend trip. NFA in-state course announcements can be found on the IDHS training calendar at

<https://myoracle.in.gov/hs/training/public/calendar.do>. If you are interested in becoming an NFA in-state instructor, contact the NFA state coordinator at swalters@dhs.in.gov. A complete list of NFA in-state training courses is available at www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa.



Company Officer Development Institute

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security Firefighter Training System has designed a Company Officer Development Institute (CODI) in cooperation with the National Fire Academy. The purpose of the CODI is to provide educational opportunities for company officers and aspiring company officers. The educational component is three courses in the National Fire Academy Management Science curriculum updated to include lessons learned and activities emphasizing the NFA's Congressionally-mandated role to expand its presence in fire-based emergency medical services management training and education. The courses *Leadership I, II and III for Fire and EMS* recognize the increasingly important role of emergency medical services in fire service delivery. This course will provide a unique opportunity for individuals who current are company officers or those who desire to promote by providing unique educational opportunity in topics such as decision-making styles, problem-solving, identifying needs, running a meeting; managing multiple roles for the company officer, creativity, enhancing your personal power base, ethics and situational leadership; delegating; coaching; discipline.



Mobile Live Fire Trainer

The mobile live fire trainer has been a huge success in Indiana. More than 10,500 firefighters have been trained since the trainer has been on the road. The trainer creates smoke to reduce visibility and fire situations to enhance the training opportunity. The fiery interior can reach temperatures of 800 degrees creating a realistic fire/heat scenario.

The interior has movable walls that create several configurations for search and rescue training. The second story can be used to simulate a second story search or a basement fire scenario.



Mobile Hazardous Material Trainer



The mobile hazardous materials trainer has unique training capability for first responders at events where a hazardous materials release has

occurred. This trainer is not a simulator, but creates a realistic training scenario with water or air being released through a variety of fractured containers, valves and piping. This trainer has a rail car on the top for leaking rail car scenarios, leaking natural gas piping, leaking industrial piping system, confined space prop, leaking propane tank with fire, flammable liquid spill with fire, chlorine valve leaking, electrical transformer fire and tank car domes. Curriculum is developed by IFTS staff and local subject matter experts to facilitate the training program and provide a realistic hands-